

ARIZONA CIVIL RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Public Meeting

June 6, 2024

Board Members Present

Dr. Heather M. Ross (Chairperson)
Dr. Enrique Davis Mazlum (Vice Chairperson)
(joined at 12:26)
Steven (PV) Jantz
Lydia A. Peirce Linsmeier (by Zoom)
Vice Mayor Holli I. Ploog (by Zoom)
Justin Weinstein-Tull (by Zoom)

Staff Members Present

Leslie Ross (Executive Director)
Julie Blumenreich (Legal Counsel)
Nate Anbar (Liaison)
Sophia Braham (Liaison)
Cari Shehorn (Liaison)

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. The meeting took place in person at the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, 2005 N. Central Avenue and via Zoom.

a. Change in July and October Meeting dates/times

The Board discussed conflicts for two meetings – July 4, 2024 and October 3, 2024.

Chairperson Ross moved to change the July 4, 2024 meeting to Tuesday, July 2, 2024 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Member Ploog seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Jantz moved to change the October 3, 2024 meeting to Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Member Ploog seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of the May 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Ross asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were no corrections. The May 10, 2024 minutes were approved.

III. Topics for Discussion and Possible Action

a. Subcommittee to Address Hate-Based Crimes and Antisemitism

After seeking Board input on nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chair of this subcommittee, Chairperson Ross moved to have Member Ploog serve as Chair and Chairperson Ross serve as Vice Chair of this subcommittee. Member Jantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Crime Free Forum

The Board discussed the Crime Free Forum. After seeking Board input on the future forum, Chairperson Ross asked for self-nominations to act as Board liaison(s). Members Weinstein-Tull and Linsmeier volunteered and were appointed to serve as ACRAB liaisons for the future forum.

c. Public Awareness/Disability Discrimination in Public Agencies

The Board discussed combining its 2024 goal topics involving disability allegations and

alleged civil rights violations in jails or local government offices into one subcommittee to study and report on disability discrimination in Arizona. Chairperson Ross moved to create the subcommittee. Member Jantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Ross moved to nominate Member Weinstein-Tull as the subcommittee chair. Member Jantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Member Linsmeier moved to nominate herself as Vice Chair. Chairperson Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Member Jantz and Chairperson Ross were appointed as members of the subcommittee.

d. Legislative Changes

The Board discussed that evaluating changes to Arizona Civil Rights laws could be part of each subcommittee's mission and requested updates on Attorney General's Office proposed legislation.

e. Voter Intimidation

This matter to be discussed during the July meeting.

f. Legality and Accessibility of Drug Testing Equipment

The Board discussed issues related to the legality and accessibility of drug testing equipment and its impact on civil rights. Chairperson Ross moved to create a subcommittee to study and report on the legality and accessibility of drug testing equipment. Member Davis Mazlum seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Ross nominated herself as Chair. Member Davis Mazlum seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously. The subcommittee will proceed without a Vice Chairperson. Vice Chairperson Davis Mazlum was appointed as a member of the subcommittee.

g. Division Report

The Arizona Attorney General's Office, Civil Rights Division Section Chief, Leslie Ross reported on Division staffing, investigation and litigation updates, and Division outreach.

h. Call to the Public

Briana Frenzel, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, requested an update about the prior Board's law enforcement surveys; a matter not included on the Agenda.

i. Adjournment

Member Ploog moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Jantz seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. The next ACRA meeting is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 from 12:30-2:00 pm.